

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 17

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMBLING AND INTERNET KENO.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) permit operators of
- 2 casino gaming facilities in the state or on Indian lands to conduct
- 3 sports wagering in person or through the Internet, subject to new or
- 4 amended agreements with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the
- 5 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut and pursuant to regulations
- 6 or standards adopted or approved by the Commissioner of Consumer
- 7 Protection; (2) permit operators of casino gaming facilities in the state
- 8 or on Indian lands to conduct Internet gambling within the state; (3)
- 9 permit the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to conduct Keno games
- through the Internet within the state pursuant to agreements with the
- 11 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of

12 Connecticut; and (4) require reasonable procedures and data security

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- 13 standards to block access to (A) sports wagering and Internet gambling
- 14 for individuals under age twenty-one, (B) Internet Keno for
- 15 individuals under age eighteen, and (C) individuals whose physical
- location cannot be verified as within the state.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for additional revenues and jobs from the operation of sports wagering, Internet gambling and Internet Keno; enhance the revenue to the state from agreements between the state and federally recognized Indian tribes in Connecticut; ensure that Connecticut's gaming and tourism industries remain competitive with those in surrounding states; and ensure age and physical location verification for participation in Internet gaming.

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